

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is proposing to revise and update rules related to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES), a program to implement the federal Clean Water Act. NPDES program and its permits regulate how much of what pollutant can be discharged into waters. Federal and state laws prohibit any one from discharging any pollutant into waters without an NPDES permit. The proposed revisions will update Iowa's NPDES rules to meet federal requirements, reflect changes in technologies and water quality standards, and adopt into rules long-term department policies and practices related to NPDES program. The proposed rules will be presented at the May 13, 2008 EPC meeting for information and for rule making action in June 2008. Public hearings will be held around July following state's rule making process.

You could read or download a copy of the draft proposed rules from NPDES program website at: <http://www.iowadnr.com/water/npdes/rulemaking.html>

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